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1. POL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED US PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON
SPAIN IN DPC COMMUNIQUE WITH EXTAFF DEFENCE RELATIONS
DIRECTOR MARSHALL MAY 20. MARSHALL'S INITIAL REACTION
WAS THAT WHILE ANY PUBLIC LINKAGE OF SPAIN WITH NATO
WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATELY MADE IN DPC CONTEXT, HE
DOUBTED WHETHER THOSE ALLIES MORE MILITANT
ON THE SUBJECT WOULD GO ALONG EVEN WITH ANY SUCH

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MENTION IN ANY NATO CONTEXT. ASKED ABOUT THE CANADIAN
POSITION, HE INDICATED THAT GOC ITSELF RECOGNIZED THE

VALUE OF SPAIN TO NATO AND EUROPEAN DEFENSE, BUT NOTED
THAT OFTEN FACTS WHICH ARE OBJECTIVELY TRUE ARE POLI-
TICALLY DIFFICULT TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO IN PUBLIC.
HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY FIRM CANADIAN VIEWS ON THE SUB-
JECT AND NO INSTRUCTIONS ON IT HAD BEEN SENT TO THEIR
NATO DELEGATION. WHILE SOMEWHAT COOL TO THE IDEA,
CANADA WOULD PROBABLY NOT ITSELF TAKE ANY INITIATIVE
TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SUCH A STATEMENT BUT WOULD GO
ALONG WITH THE CONSENSUS.
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